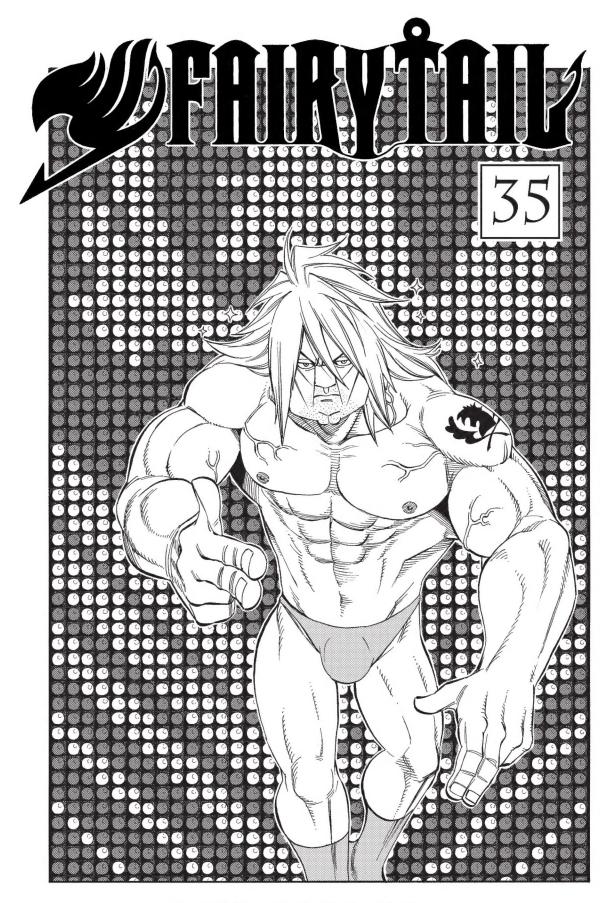


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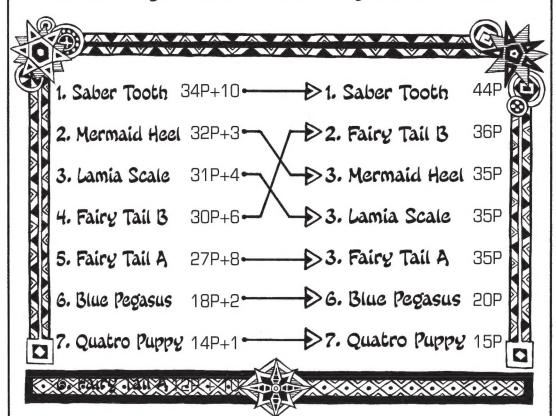


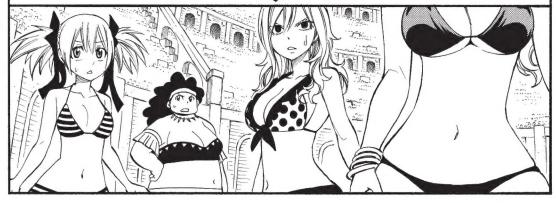
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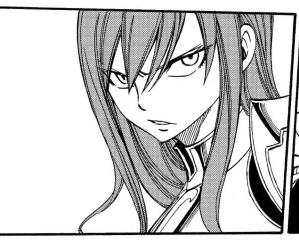
Chapter 292: Thoughts Joined as One

















Frankly, I believe you should *thank* me. I allowed you to attain second place...



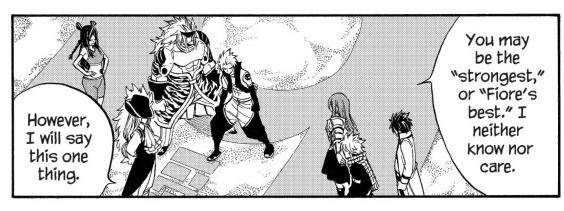
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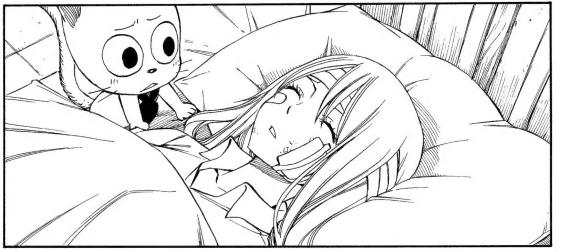


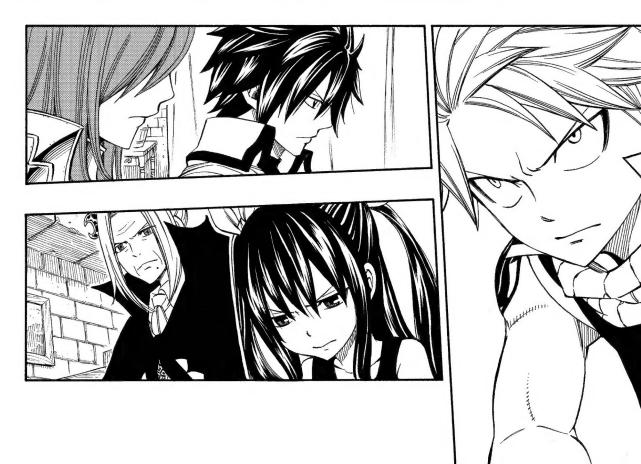






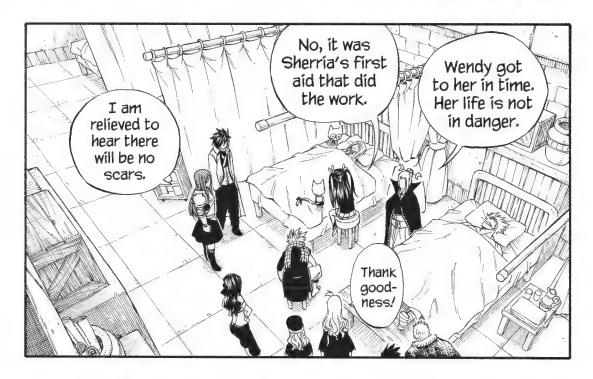








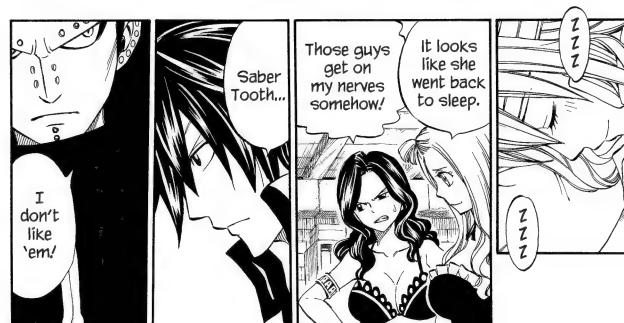


























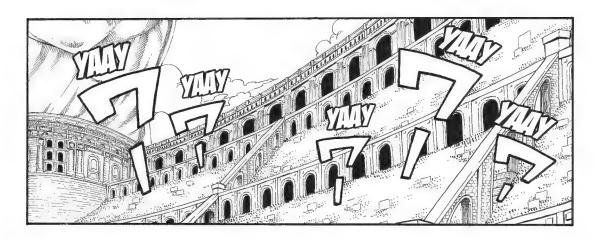




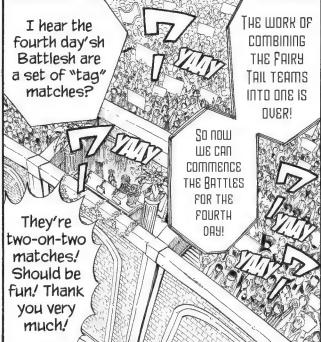
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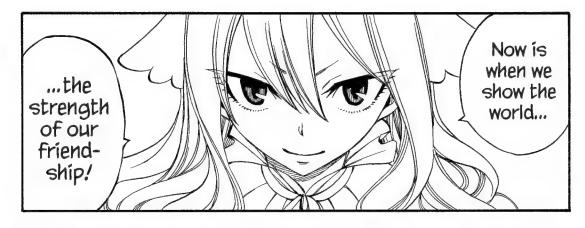














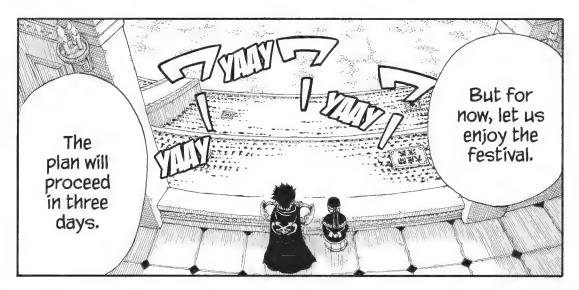




























Chapter 293: A Gift for You of Perfume









































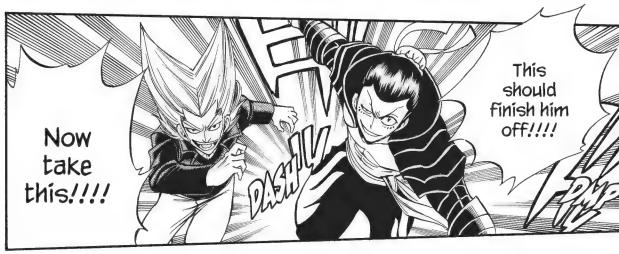








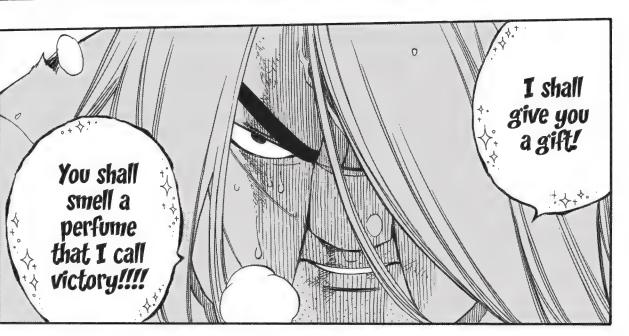
















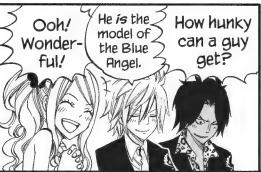








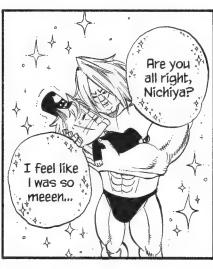












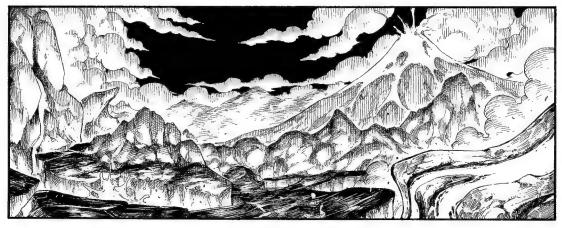
























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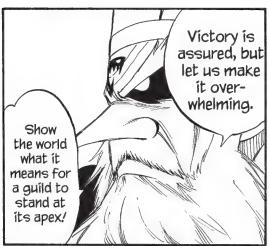






























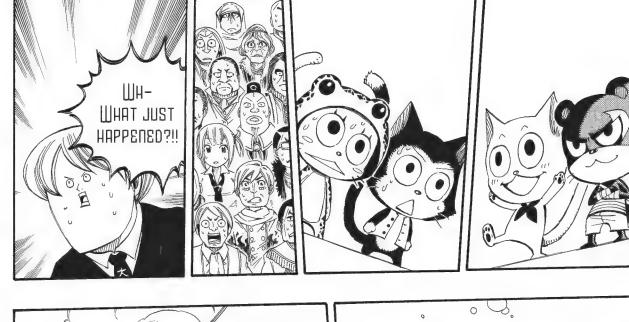








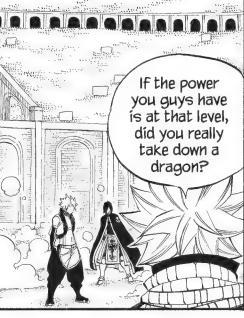






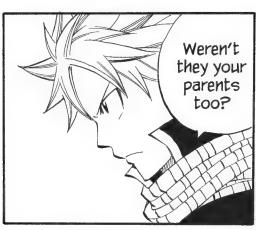






















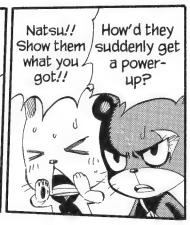










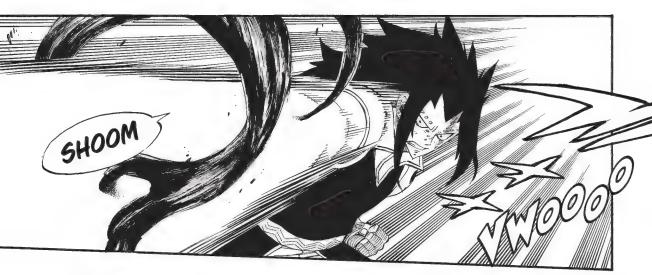




























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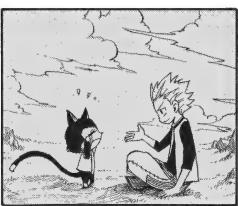








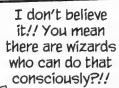














Now, tremble at the true power of the third generation!











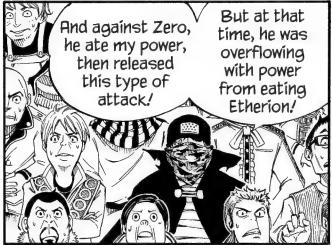


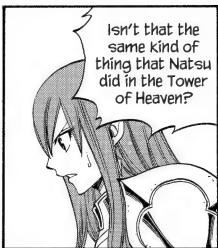














This is what it means to be third generation dragon slayers.

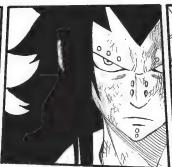


So does this mean that these two can release that same kind of power at will...?!













































































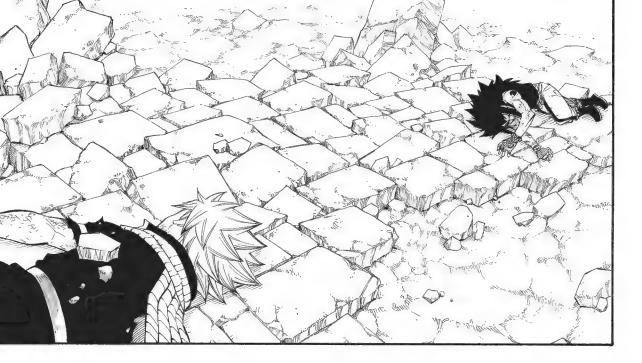












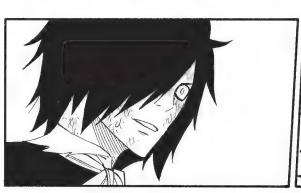








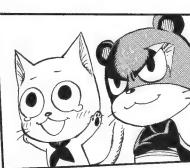


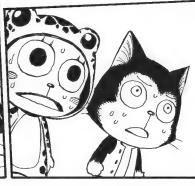




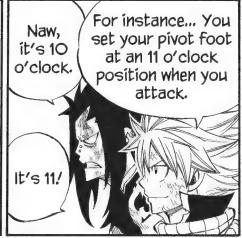








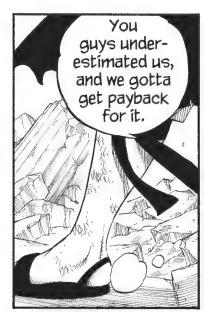










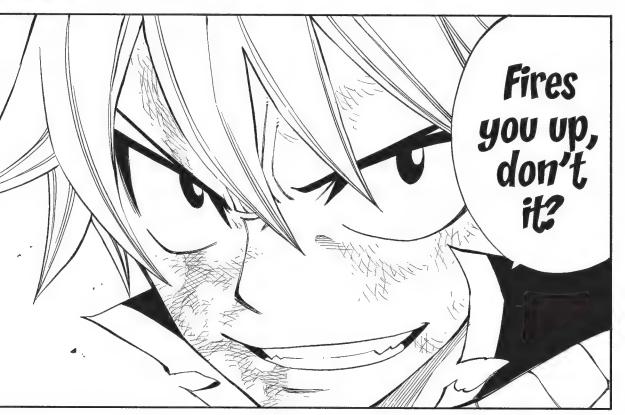


















Chapter 296: Natsu vs. Twin Dragons































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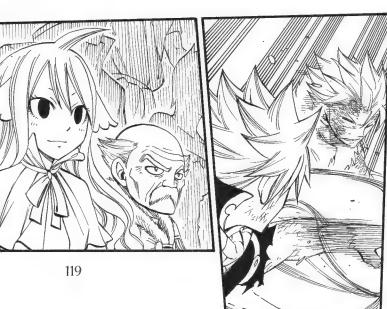








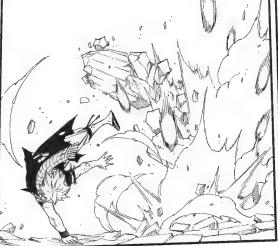






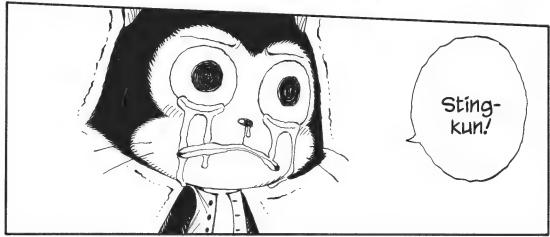
























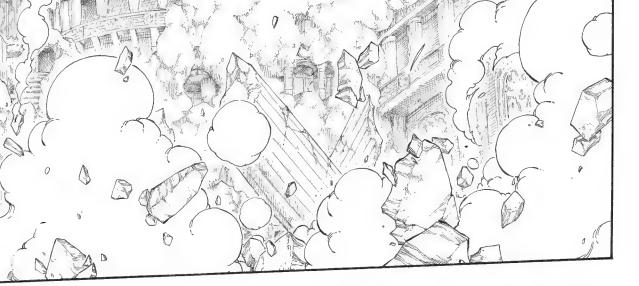




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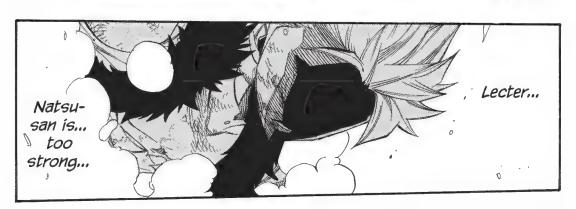




















Chapter 297: The Girl's Face He Saw







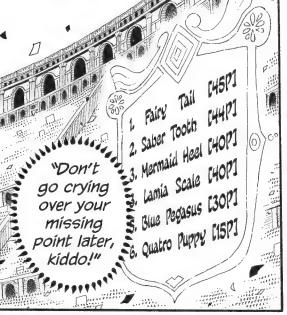




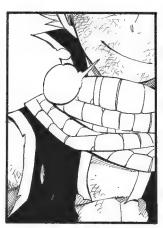


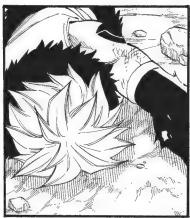


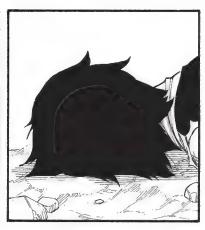










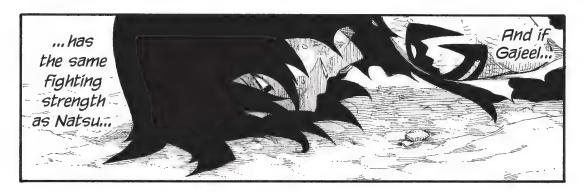




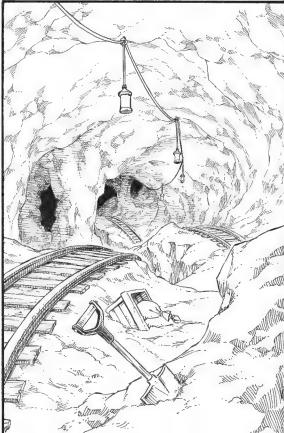










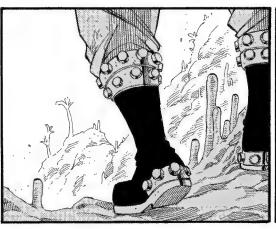




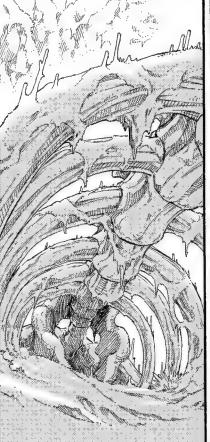








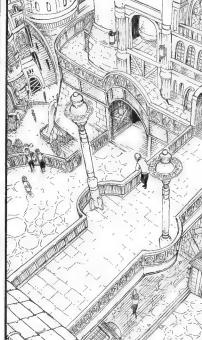


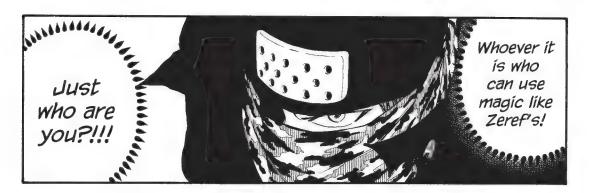


















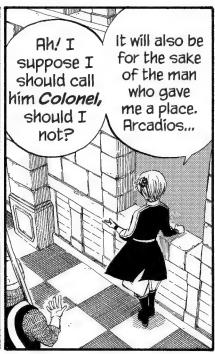




















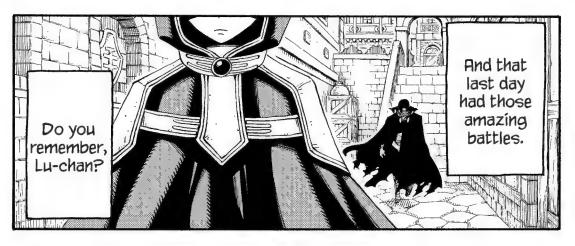










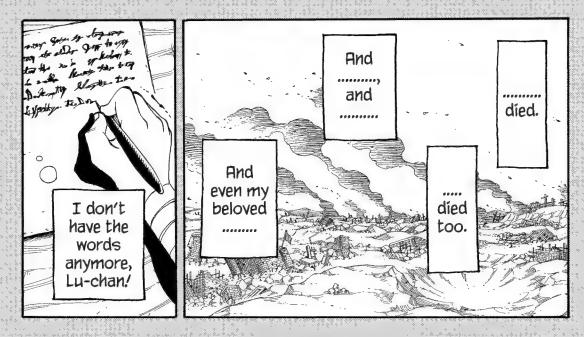


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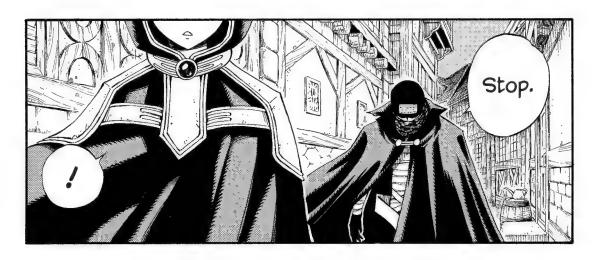


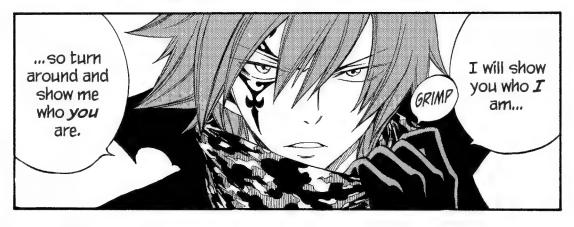


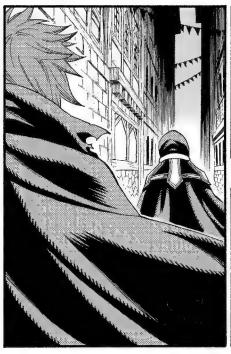


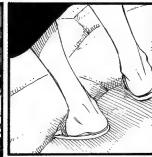


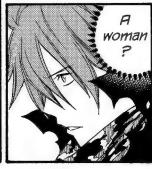
























Chapter 298: Exciting Ryuzetsu Land

































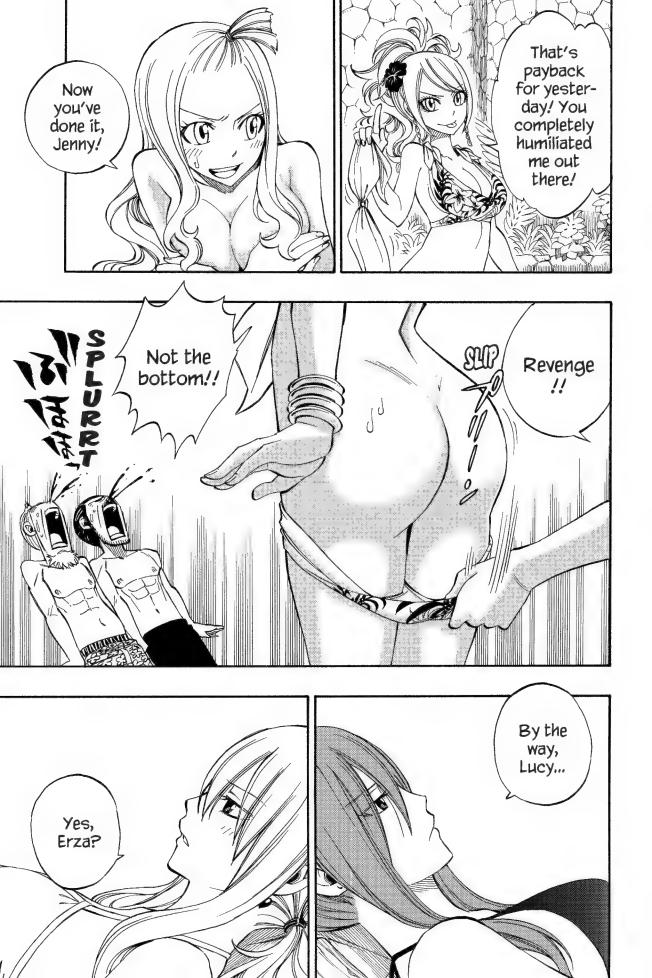










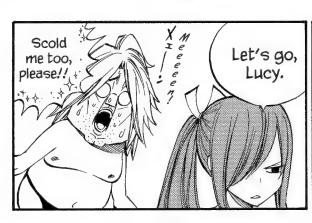


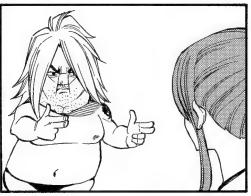








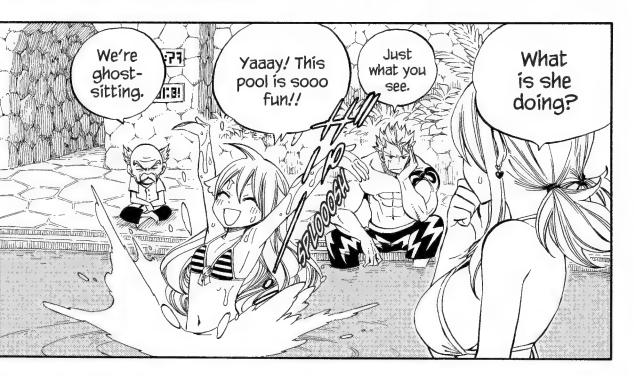






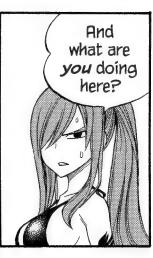










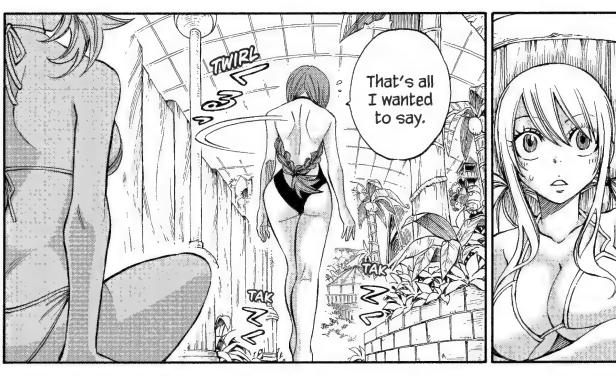




















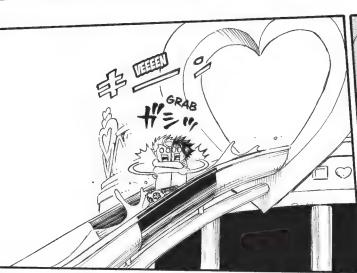
















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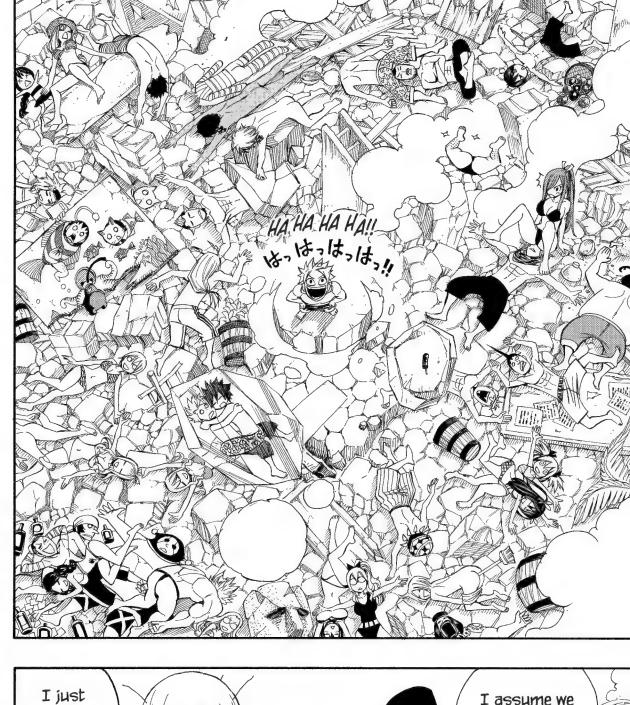








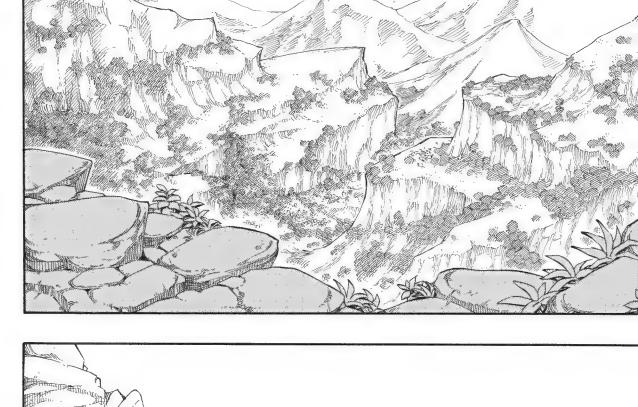


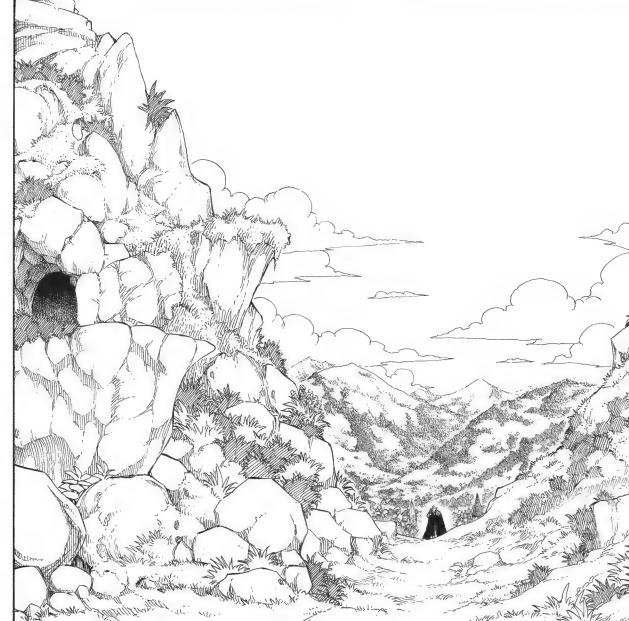






Chapter 299: Lone Journey





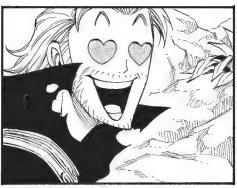


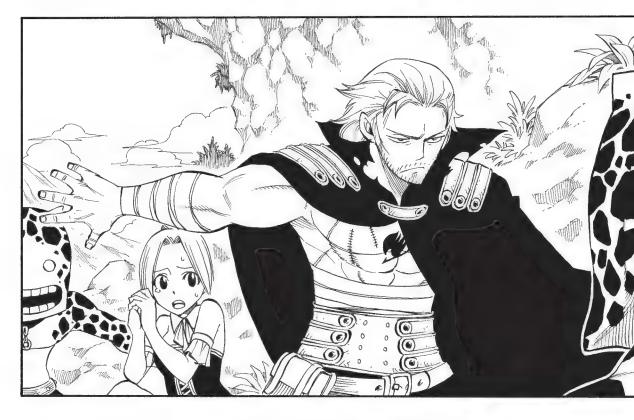


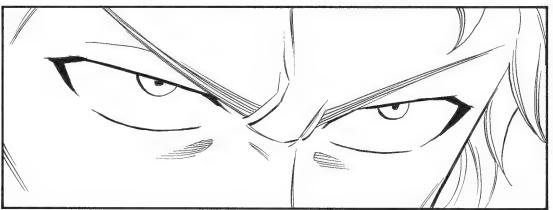


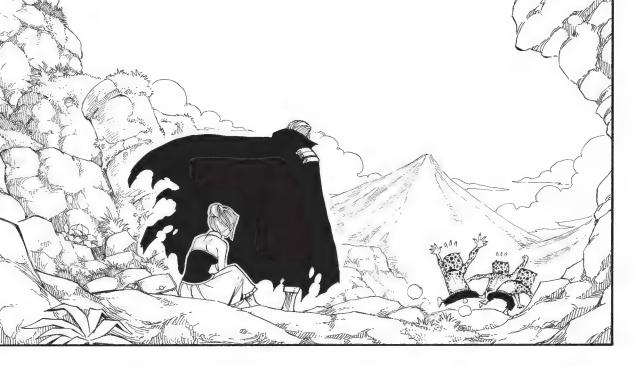






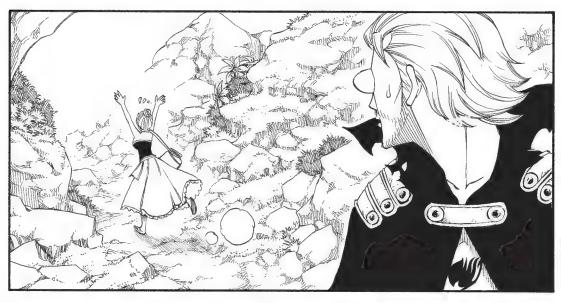


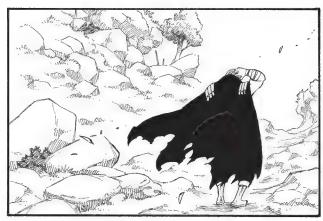




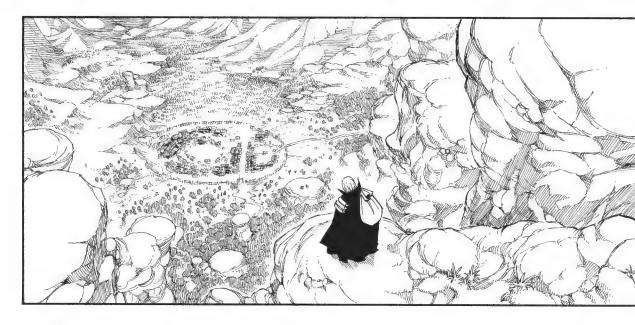




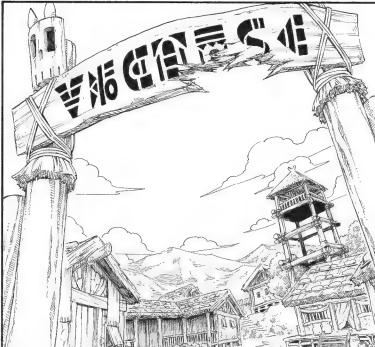










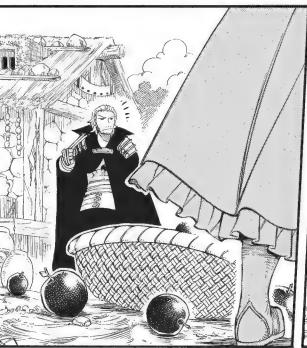


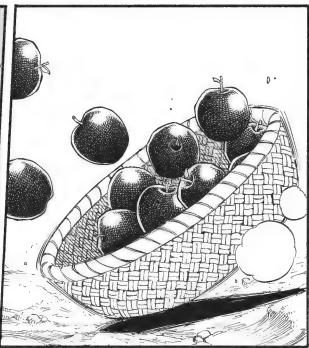




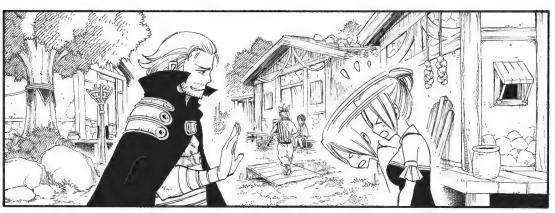


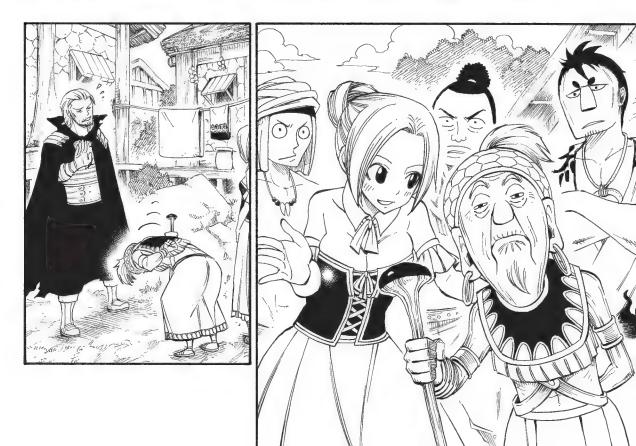


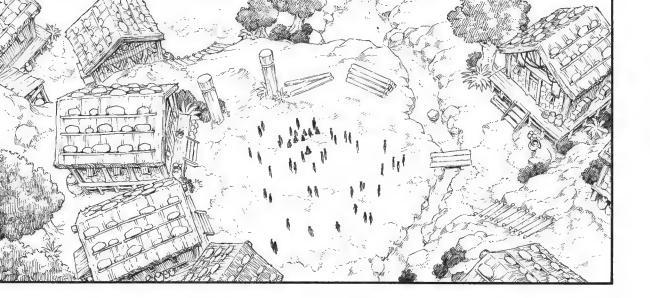






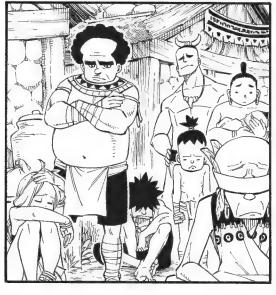


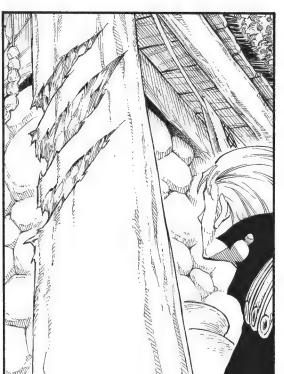






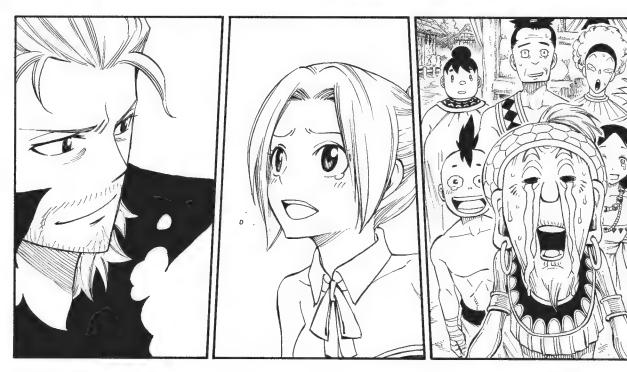


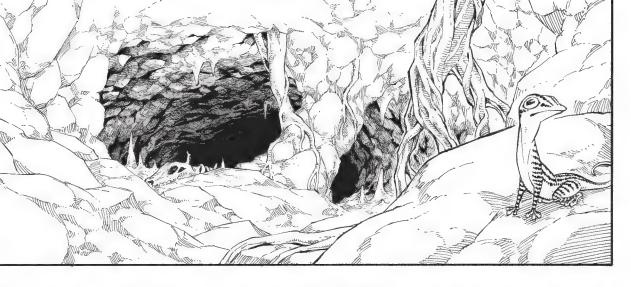


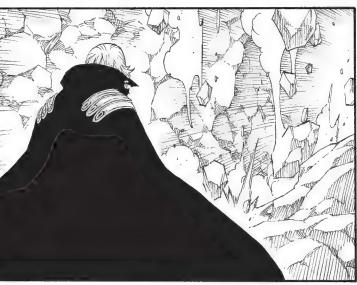


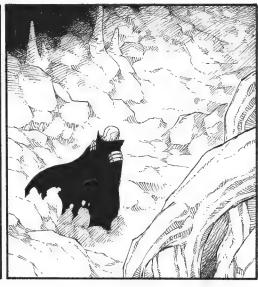








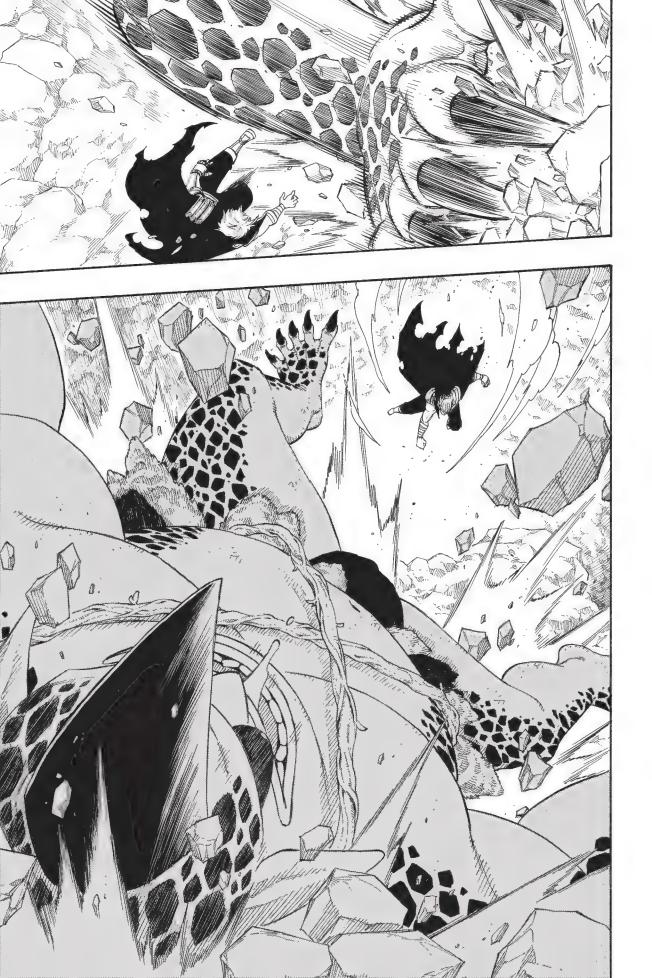


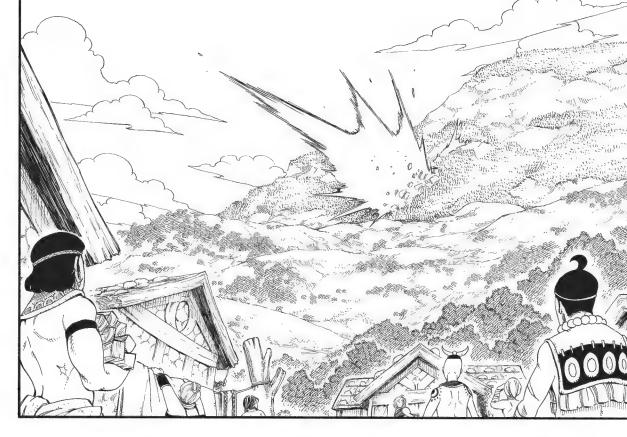


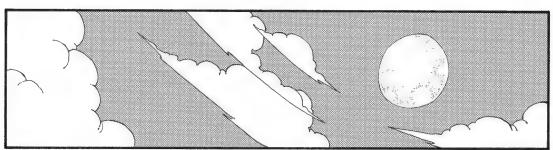




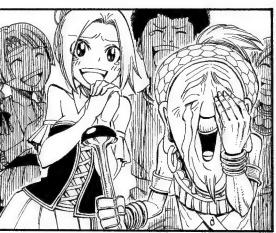


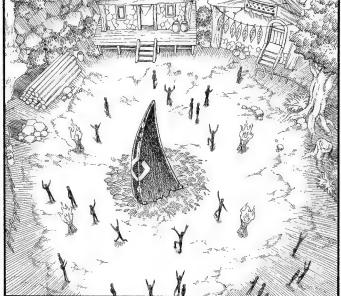




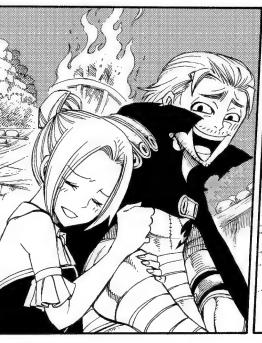








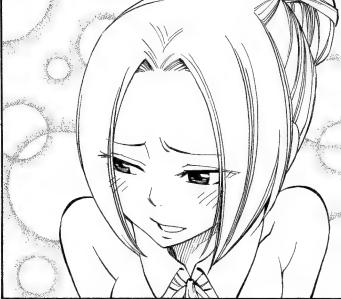


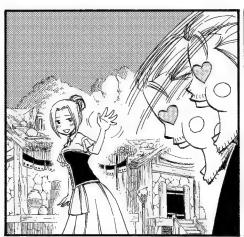


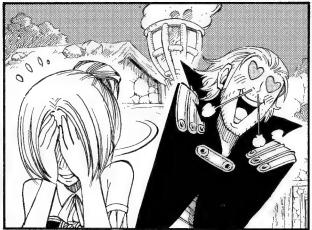














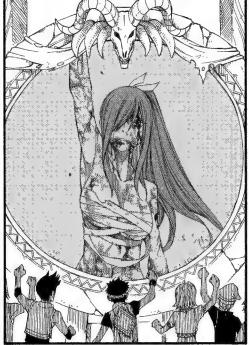


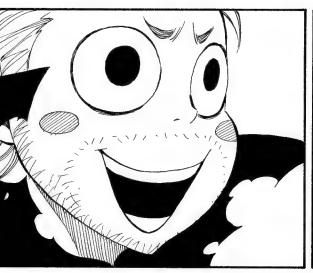


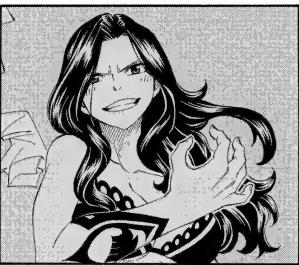




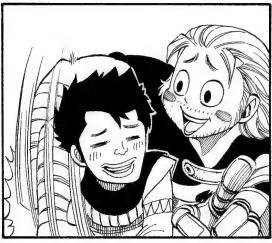


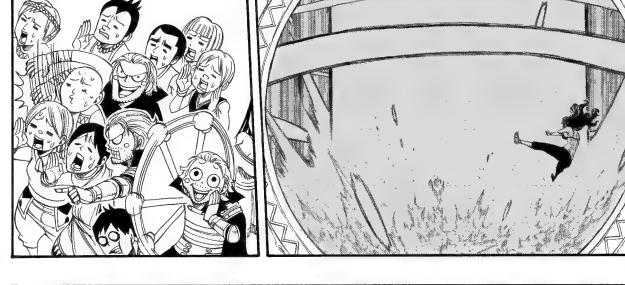








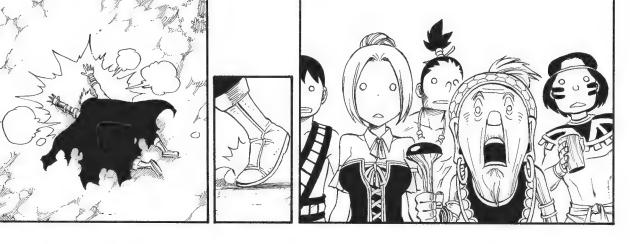


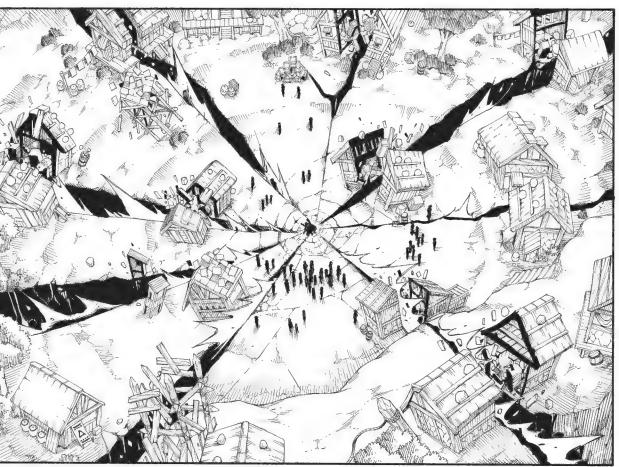




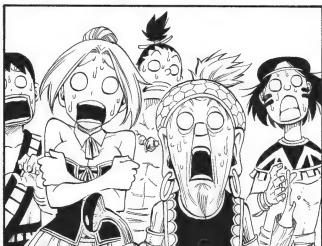


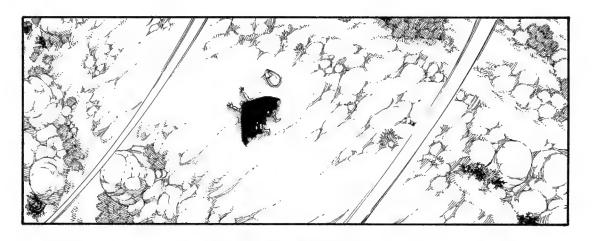










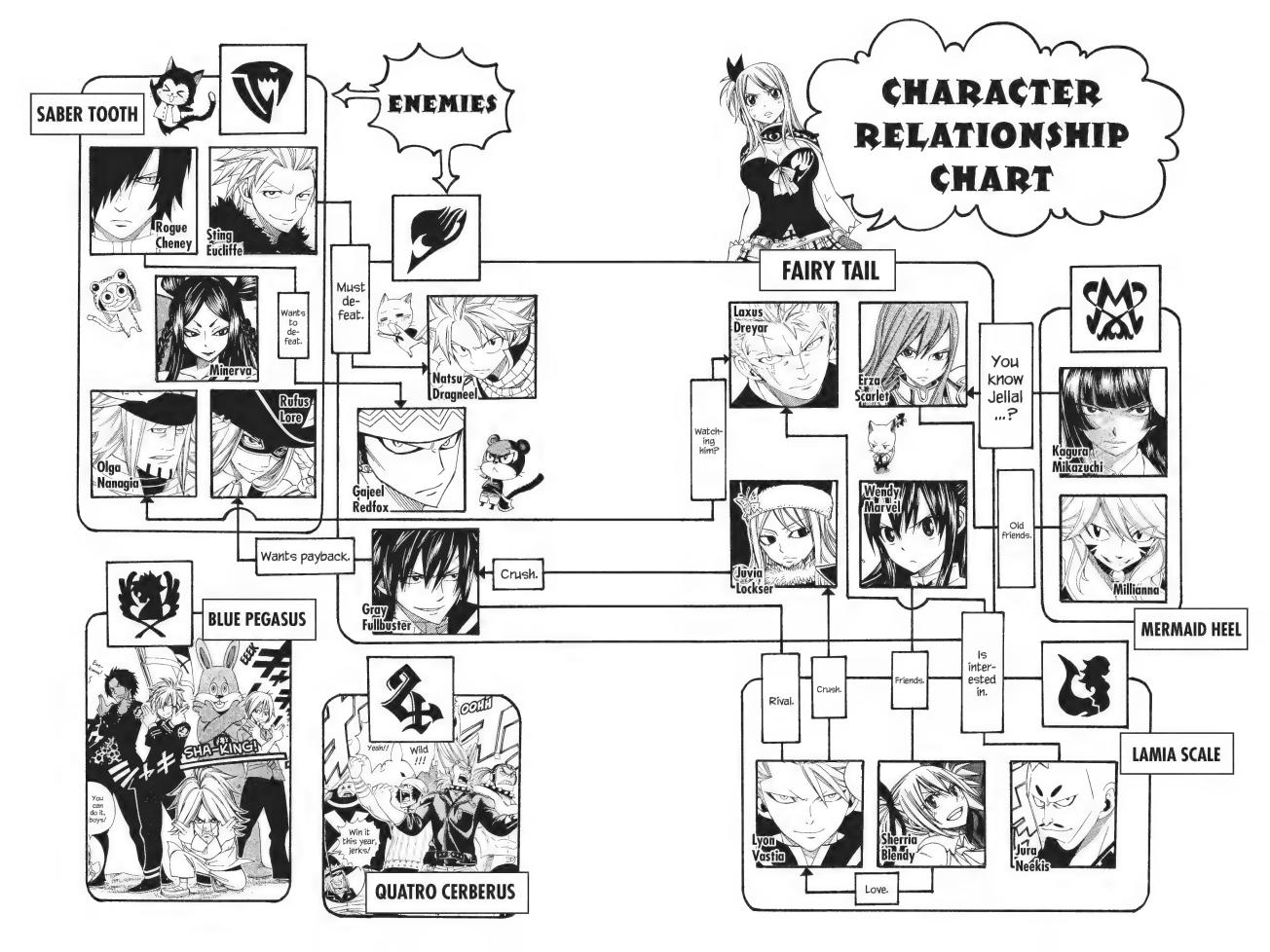


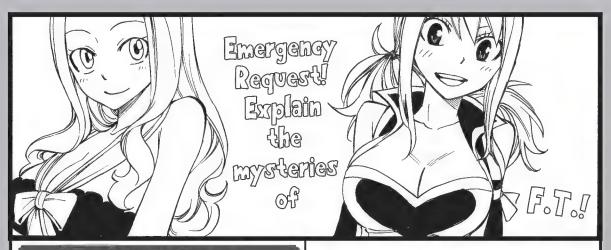












At a bar in Crocus...



:Let's celebrate!! We're past chapter 299!!



Yaaay!! Wait... If we're going to celebrate, shouldn't we be celebrating at Chapter 300?

Mira: And we're going to kick off our question corner for this volume!

LUCY: Yaaay!! Ignoring me this time,

Mira: The first questivon.

Is Frosch male or female?



LUCY: We get this question a lot.

Mira: I think she's a she!

Lucy: Huh? I figure that he's a he.

Mira: Then, let's do rock-paperscissors to decide it.



:It isn't something that can be decided that way!

Mira: Actually, I'm less concerned about whether Frosch is male or female, and more about whether Frosch is a frog or a cat.

Lucy: I'd have to side heavily with "cat."



:Well, we have a "questionable" character anyway, so go ahead and have fun forming your own conclusions.



:There doesn't seem to be an answer coming...

Mira: Next question!

Why didn't
Toby notice
a sock that's
been hanging
around
his neck
for three
months?



Lucy: I think it should be forbidden to ask this question seriously. (laughter)

Mira: Right. It's just surrealism!





Lucy: If we have to give an answer, it's because he's a dumb guy.

Mira: Let's go to the next question.

Won't the master of Mermaid Heel ever show up?



LUCY: No master has shown up, huh?

Mira: Actually, there is a big secret surrounding this.

LUCY: What?! Now I want to know!!

Mira: You know that Mermaid Heel has a strict rule that it's an all-female quild, right?

Lucy: Yeah!

Mira: Well the master looks like an old lady, but in reality she's a

man!

Lucy: Whaaaaaaa?!!

Mira: The guy goes in drag and is surrounded by girls, so he thinks of them as his harem!

Lucy: You're lying to me, aren't you?!!



:Of course I am! (smile)

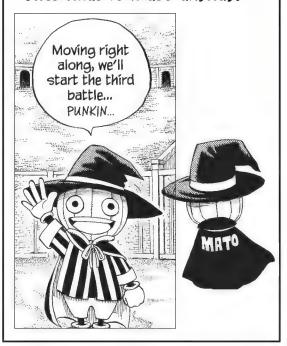


Mira: It's all a lie! But if the story requires it, the master will probably show up sometime.

LUCY: This girl here tells some pretty elaborate lies.

Mira: And the last question of the

Just what is Mato anyway?



Lucy: He's the official mascot of the Grand Magic Games. That much I know...

Mira: You can buy all sorts of Matokun goods all over Crocus!

Lucy: I saw those too! Key holders, notebooks...

Mira: If you're wondering about who is inside, well that's just something you have to look forward to! ○



I can't say I'm expecting much out of it. (After all, there was the big reveal of the Blue Pegasus Rabbit, and we know how that turned out...)

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What Millianna always says, "Are you pumped up?





▲ It's Momon! Thank you to everyone who went to see the movie!



▲This is so well done! And Erza retains her high level of popularity!



▲ Flare is really popular among a certain section of fans. I can't say that I dislike her myself.



▲ How cute! Looking at this, I like Lecter even better!



The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send

▲ Basketball Natsu. What is Happy doing?



Mavis! In the next volume, Mavis will...

Wow, I sexy! more



rivals!! What final day





▲ This character has gone through a lot of changes,



▲ Kagura with a great touch for drawing! Very cool!

Actually, they have a secret that's stil

hidden.



assemble!! They're all ready to



Afterword

This one's long, huh? This series! I can't seem to wrap it up in three volumes like I usually do. I've had this vague idea of a story structure, but recently I've been doing a string of long arcs. I feel the urge to do a short arc once the Grand Magic Games arc is over. This time, without so many characters. And I counted this time, and we've gone over 80 named characters! (cries) That makes it really hard to draw every week, it wears me out! Well, sure, we don't draw all 80 characters in every chapter, but in the next volume, the number of characters will increase again, it seems. What is with this series...?

Actually, this series began with an idea of "a festival!!" sort of feeling. And in trying to take all the best ideas from my previous story-telling experience, it's given this series a very climactic feel. There have been a lot of rumors running around saying, "This will be the end of Fairy Tail." Well, it isn't ending. I know that someday, we'll have an ending, but for right now, there are at least three full episodes I'd like to play out. That means somewhere around 15-20 volumes maybe? Of course, it's always possible that it could end sooner, but it's also possible that it could go on much longer than that. I'm certainly not thinking about doing the final chapter yet.

So here we are at volume 35. I mentioned this before, but my previous work ended at this same number of volumes. So you can think of 36 as a "beginning." I hope you will still support me!





FROM HIRD NASHINA



In the Japanese version, this volume, Vol. 35, has the normal edition and a special edition released with an OAD (original animation DVD). The two have different covers, but the manga on the inside is exactly the same, so be sure not to buy both by mistake! Also the DVD this time is pretty incredible...

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 19, Lord Zeref

In the Japanese, "Lord Zeref" is "Zeref-kyô." As mentioned in the notes of Volume 26, there are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. More often seen is -dono (see below), and a less-common, more polite honorific is -kyô.

Page 35, Penitent Meeen.

In Japanese, Nichiya uses a rather formal and archaic way of apologizing, *menbokunai* (literally, "I have no honor," but it is a way of expressing shame and guilt for an action). However, being an Ichiya clone, he does it by saying, "meeen-bokunai."



Page 134, Makarov-dono

As mentioned in previous notes, -dono is an honorific much like -sama, an honorific that indicates a lot of respect. But it is also somewhat archaic and is not used in everyday society. It has a somewhat old-fashioned feel to it. Still, the character of Jura uses this honorific quite often.

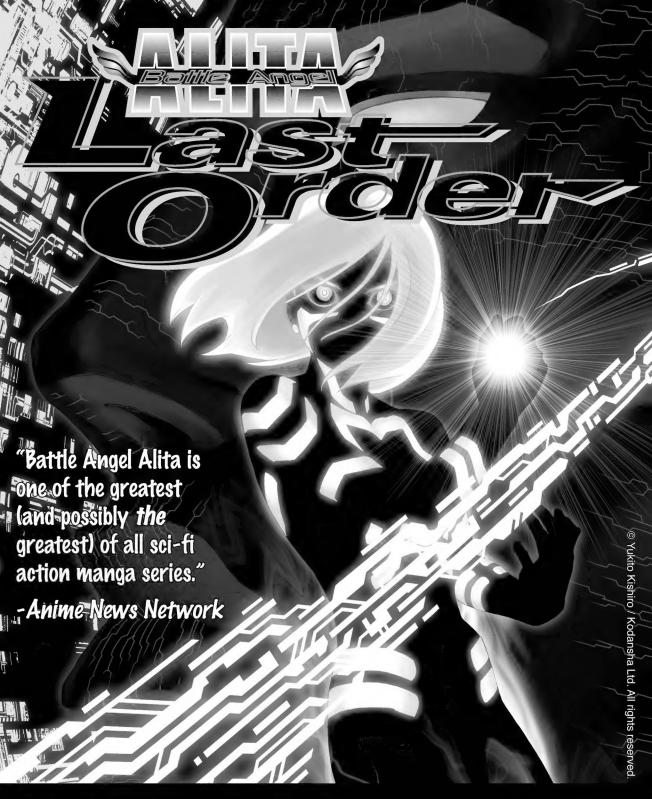


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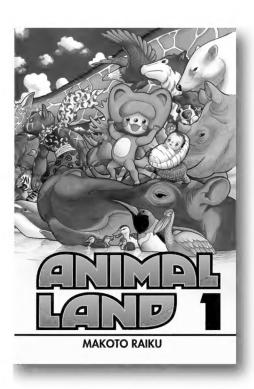
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